Increased role for RWAs under New Master Plan

2230. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government envisage an increased role for the RWAs under the New Master Plan for Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that many RWAs, particularly in middle class colonies, have political affiliations and many of these may be moved by their personal interests as well;

(d) the extent to which it would be useful to vest authority with such RWAs of middle class colonies; and

(e) the manner in which such aberrations are proposed to be checked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) A public notice seeking to modify the provisions of the Master Plan for Delhi (MPD) 2001 regarding mixed land use, has been issued on 21.7.2006 in which increased role for the Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs) has been envisaged. The proposed policy envisages specific request from RWAs in certain categories of colonies and consultation with RWAs in certain other categories of colonies for the identification of mixed land use streets. It also prescribes that such consultation by local bodies should cover at least 50 per cent of the plot allottees/owners of the colony, and that genuine efforts for meaningful consultation including wide publicity, maintenance of and access to records be made. Moreover, such consultation shall not extend to grant of permission in individual cases. However, RWAs would be heard in case of specific complaints of public nuisance and non-permissible uses.

Lower slab rates for parking for smaller duration

2231. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reforms MCD have been trying to carry out to ensure that people are generally motivated to park their vehicles in authorized parking lots;

(b) whether introduction of lower slab rate for parking for small duration would not help achieve the desired objective;

(c) whether this is opposed by the countractors' lobby in the midst of their ongoing contracts; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to resolve the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed that number of reforms have been initiated to motivate people to part their vehicles in authorized parking lots, which includes, *inter-alia*, identification and authorization of new parking sites, upgradation of these parking sites and keeping parking rates low, to restrict misuse of organized parking sites like basements for commercial purposes, enforcement of land-use policy and keeping compulsory provision of parking sites in commerical buildings.

(c) and (d) The MCD has further informed that the report on parking policy of Government of NCT of Delhi recommends rationalization of parking fee and evolving uniform parking fee. Some parking contractors have also submitted a representation to the MCD for rationalized parking fee structure.

National Urban Transport Policy

2232. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring new National Urban Transport Policy;

(b) if so, the proposed features of the new policy;

(c) whether the State Governments also were/are being consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the suggestions given by them; and

(e) the time by when the new policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) A National Urban Transport Policy has been approved by the Government in April, 2006. It,